



# ***GREEN LAKE COUNTY***

*571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI 54941*

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**Original Post Date: 08/11/2023**

**The following documents are included in the packet for the  
Agriculture, Extension Education & Fair Committee Meeting  
on August 15, 2023:**

- 1) Agenda
- 2) Minutes from 7/11/2023
- 3) County Library Services Reports
- 4) Extension Reports for Adam Hartfiel (Regional Livestock Educator)  
and Natasha Paris (Regional Crops Educator)



# GREEN LAKE COUNTY

## AGRICULTURE, EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR

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### ***Agriculture, Extension Education & Fair Committee Meeting Notice***

***Date: Tuesday, August 15, 2023 Time: 1:00 p.m.***  
***Green Lake County Government Center, County Board Room***  
***571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI***

### **MEETING AGENDA**

#### **Committee Members**

*Ken Bates, Chair*  
*Nita Krenz, Vice Chair*  
*Don Lenz*  
*Nancy Hoffmann*  
*Nancy Hiestand*  
*Curt Talma, alternate*  
  
*Stacy Graff, Secretary*

1. Call to Order
2. Certification of Open Meeting Law
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call
5. Minutes: 7-11-23
6. Public Comments
7. County Library Services Report - submitted monthly report
8. Extension Green Lake County Staff Reports – submitted monthly report
  - Pat Wagner, Area 14 Extension Director
    - Welcome New Staff
  - Stacy Graff, Support Staff and Fair Coordinator
  - Jenice Mischler, Human Development and Relationships Educator
  - Brandon Springer, 4-H Program Educator
  - County Extension Educator Reports
    - Natasha Paris, Regional Crops Educator
    - Adam Hartfiel, Regional Livestock Educator
9. Fairground Improvements – 2023 Budget Discussion
10. 2024 Extension Green Lake County Budget Proposal – Discussion
11. Fair: Recap 2023 Fair
12. Fair: Contracts
13. Fair: 2024 Budget Request
14. Committee Discussion
  - Future Meeting Dates:
  - Future Agenda items for action & discussion
15. Adjourn

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Kindly arrange to be present, if unable to do so, please notify our office. Sincerely, Stacy Graff

**Please note: Meeting area is accessible to the physically disabled. Anyone planning to attend who needs visual or Audio assistance, should contact the Extension Office, 294-4032, not later than 3 days before date of the meeting.**

## AG/EXT EDUCATION & FAIR COMMITTEE MEETING

July 11, 2023

The regular meeting of the Ag/Ext Education & Fair Committee was called to order by Vice Chair Nita Krenz at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 in person and via internet access at the Government Center, 571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Present: Ken Bates (remote)  
Nancy Hiestand  
Nita Krenz  
Nancy Hoffmann

Absent: Don Lenz

Other County Employees Present: Liz Otto, County Clerk; County Administrator Cate Wylie; Corporation Counsel Jeff Mann; Pat Wagner, UWEX Regional Coordinator; Kim Zills, Interim Fair Coordinator; Ken Stephani, Finance Director

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Motion/second (Hoffmann/Hiestand)* to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2023 and June 27, 2023 meetings as presented. Motion carried with no negative vote.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – none

### **COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT**

Laura Skalitsky, Director of the Princeton Public Library, spoke on the various summer reading programs throughout the county along with other community enrichment options provided to youth and adults.

### **2024 COUNTY LIBRARY BUDGET**

County Administrator Cate Wylie stated that she met recently with the WinneFox Library System to discuss and better understand the library funding. Budget numbers for 2024 will be provided soon.

### **EXTENSION GREEN LAKE COUNTY STAFF REPORTS**

- Pat Wagner, Area 14 Extension Director, provided an update on staffing changes
- Adam Hartfiel, Regional Livestock Educator, gave an overview of activities he has participated in since taking the position 2 months ago
- Natasha Paris, Regional Crops Educator, stated her position has been dominated by the current drought. She also updated the committee on her recent activities and programs.

### **2024 FAIR BUDGET**

County Administrator Cate Wylie provided an outline of expenses and revenues for the Green Lake County Fair in recent years. Discussion held.

### **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF PROJECTS**

To be discussed under Highway Grounds/Fairgrounds Improvements

### **FAIR: 2023 FAIR CONTRACT: ALCOHOL AGREEMENT – DISCUSSION/APPROVAL**

Corporation Counsel Jeff Mann informed the committee regarding revisions made to the alcohol concession agreement. He also defined the consumption area versus the service area. County Administrator Cate Wylie led a discussion in regard to continuing the alcohol sales. *Motion/second (Hoffmann/Hiestand)* to continue fermented malt beverage sales at the fair. Motion carried with no negative vote.

### **FAIR: 2023 FAIR TEMPORARY SERVICES AGREEMENT – DISCUSSION/APPROVAL**

No discussion or action on this item.

### **FAIR: HIGHWAY GROUND/FAIRGROUND IMPROVEMENTS**

County Administrator Cate Wylie stated that there are discrepancies in the 2023 budget in regard to \$34,850 carried over from 2020 due to cancellation of the Fair. Resolution 18-2022 was postponed indefinitely so the approval to carry over the funds was not done. Discussion held. No action taken at this time.

### **FUTURE FAIRGROUNDS SUB COMMITTEE REPORT**

Nancy Hoffmann stated they received good information at their last meeting.

### **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

- **Future Meeting Dates: August 8, 2023 @ 9:00 AM**
- **Future agenda items for action & discussion:**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion/second (Hoffmann/Hiestand) to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 AM.

Submitted by,

Liz Otto  
County Clerk

## Caestecker Public Library Director's Report for August 2023

That's a wrap on Summer Reading programs! We had a fantastic lineup of programs and opportunities, great community involvement, and many happy faces visiting us regularly. Rain or shine, hot or hotter, the library is a wonderful place to be in the summer. Our summer reading community art tree will continue through August. If you haven't picked up a mini canvas to decorate, please do so and return as soon as possible to help fill our tree.

### Upcoming August events and opportunities:

- Spice of the Month: Ground Ginger
- Play & Build at 10am on Tuesdays
- Storytime with Ms. Margie at 10 am on Wednesdays
- Roasts & Reads casual book club Tuesday, August 1 at 10am
- Friends Book Sales: Art Fair Weekend extended hours Saturday, August 12 from 9am-3pm and Sunday August 13 from 10am-3pm and Wednesday, August 30th 1PM - 4PM.
- Constant Reader Book Club's discussion of Nita Prose's *The Maid* on August 9 from 3-4pm
- Sit & Stitch Thursday, August 10th 10am-3pm
- Caestecker Cooks Cookbook Club, Thursday, August 17 11:30AM - 1PM, cooking from *Arabesque: A Taste of Morocco, Turkey, and Lebanon* by Claudia Roden
- Thursday Movie Matinees at 2pm: August 3rd – Book Club, the Next Chapter. August 10th – The Lost King. August 17th – Paint. August 24th – Maggie Moore(s). August 31<sup>st</sup> – Guardians of the Galaxy, volume 3.

Christina Lyon, library director



Figure 1 Community Art Tree



Figure 2 Kick-off to Summer Reading with Stuart Stotts



Figure 3 Missoula Children's Theater Workshop



Figure 4 Anne Moser with the UW-Water Library presents *All the Water in the World*



Figure 5 Caestecker Cooks the Cookbook Club



Figure 6 Taylor Haag with the Green Lake Association presents the Enviroscape



## Princeton Public Library Director's Report for July 2023

### It has been an *amazing* month!

- Our conference rooms are in constant use by business people, county social workers, and others.
- The WIC mobile unit made its first visit, and will be coming every other month to help those in need.
- Our new intern began work.
- We have begun hosting monthly AA meetings.
- And....



Our glass mobile and macrame classes were awesome!



The Friends of the Library raised over \$1,000 at the flea market food booth.



Our historic photo and artifact display, created with the help of the Princeton Historical Society, has been a big hit. It's still up- come see Princeton's past!



We wrapped up our Summer Reading Program- 174 people participated, 36 of which were adults, 11 of which were teens. Our end-of-the-program party was groovy!



We received the first box of brand new Wonderbooks from our library system! These read out loud to kids and even ask them questions. A new dozen will rotate through our library each month.



## We were proud to participate in Princeton's 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations!



We were proud to participate in Princeton's 175th Anniversary parade  
We handed out candy and small toys to lots of kids.

This month wouldn't have been possible without the contributions of many dedicated people. We can't possibly name them all, but know that each and every one of you has our heartfelt gratitude.



The children's parade was incredible! 92 kids and their families came to the library to decorate themselves and their bikes, strollers, and wagons. At least that many came back to the library after the parade for treats and games. Our door counter registered that, in total, about 560 people came through the library that day!



Our 175th Anniversary Kids Zone was a big hit with families. Dozens and dozens of kids got to play outdoor games, get wet in our splash pad, have their faces painted, and enjoy a movie and treats.



# Events at the Princeton Public Library

## August 2023

### ONGOING PROGRAMS

#### Story Time

Join us every Monday at 9:30 am for songs, stories, crafts, and snacks. Free!

#### Mystery Book Club

Monthly!

Wed. Aug. 2nd  
9:30am "Two Nights in Lisbon"  
by Chris Pavone  
Copies available at the library.

#### Knitting Club

Twice each month.  
Monday Aug. 14th  
and Mon. Aug. 28th  
4-6pm  
Other crafters welcome too!

#### Ongoing Book Sale

Only \$5/bag!

#### AA Meetings

2nd Wed. of each month, 5-7pm

#### Princeton Historical Photo Exhibit

As part of Princeton's 175th birthday celebration, we have collaborated with the Princeton Historical Society to display dozens of photos, maps, and even some artifacts from Princeton's past. Come on down and see them! Exhibit ends mid-month.

#### Thursday August 10th, 3-5pm: Collecting & Sharing Your Stories

As part of its commitment to collect family histories, local folklore, and the stories of Princeton citizens, the Princeton Historical Society and Princeton Public Library invite residents to share their memories and experiences. Groups welcome! Please help us preserve local history.

#### Tues. 15th, 4-5pm: Medicare Class

Are you confused about Medicare?  
Attend this free class.

#### Saturday August 19th, 10:30am—Noon: Computer Basics Class

Join us from 10am to 11:30 at the library for one-on-one help. Learn to use a computer even if you know nothing about them! This class is the last part of a three-part series specifically geared towards senior and the technology-challenged. There is no fee to attend, but please RSVP! Call 920-295-6777. Sponsored and taught by Bug Tussel University.

#### Buy Tickets Here for the Historical Society's Summer Fundraiser!

BBQ Dinner, "Antiques Roadshow" style appraisals for your collectibles (maximum 2 per person), live music and more. Sat. August 26th 1-8pm  
At Knickerbocker Landing, 609 W. Water St. Princeton. Tickets \$40.

### Green Lake County Fair

August 3-6, 2023



#### Princeton Library

424 W. Water St.  
Princeton, WI 54968  
920-295-6777  
princetonpublib.org

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## **Berlin Library August 2023 Report**

At the end of July, we wrapped up our June/July Reading Program, All Together Now. All total, we had 339 participants in all ages, with 201 being 16 and under. This is a fantastic response to the program! Our goal is to encourage literacy after school is out, so kids don't lose their reading skills before the new year starts. Adults love to join in too.

I would like to share a cute story about a family participating in the Summer Reading Program. A 6-year-old was completing a reading card and turned to his mom and said, "Mom, you should read a book this summer too. Then you can win a prize and be smart just like me." This made me chuckle, as the mom turned to me and asked for an adult reading card also. We love the enthusiasm our patrons show towards reading!

During the month of August, we are offering a Bonus Reading Program to continue the goal of getting books in everyone's hands. The prizes for August are being sponsored by Friends of the Berlin Library and are gift certificates for all local businesses. We like to encourage shopping/eating local when we can. They are always so generous to the library, so we are returning the favor.

This week on Wednesday, we are partnering with Berlin Park & Rec for a program titled, Take Flight. Kids can sign up for this free program and come learn to make various types of things that fly. Thanks to our Friends, this program will be free with lunch provided.

Adult can sign up for craft night on August 22 to learn how to make Fairy Journals. And anyone 16 & over is invited to join us for an after-hours Game Night on August 25.

We have started a new campaign titled, The Power of Your Library Card. The focus will be letting everyone know the numerous services and resources they can access free with their library card. With new, updated, and even unknown resources offered, we want patrons to use the library to the fullest! Do you have a library card? Have you looked at the library website lately? Check it out, you may be surprised how much there is to take advantage of.

Watch for more exciting happenings at the Berlin Library on our website and Facebook page. And thank you all for your continued support of the libraries.

Happy Reading,

Chris Kalupa  
Berlin Library Director

## Markesan Public Library Report – August 2023

We had a great summer at the library! The school group story times did very well, bringing in new readers that we hope will keep coming back to the library. This was thanks to the efforts of Karen Jensen, our library assistant. Our afternoon storytimes were also well attended, so we are looking into continuing that in the fall.

The Tye-Dye event had over twenty attendees – we had just enough dye for everyone, but used everything we had! Our Summer Celebration Party on August 3<sup>rd</sup> had 22 kids and 10 adults coming to play games (provided by WCTS), use the slip n' slide, win prizes at carnival games, and get their faces painted! The National Honor Society volunteers played a big role running games and doing the face painting. We are so grateful to them for their help.

In total, we had 40 adults and 86 kids participate in our Summer Reading Program. Adults read 195 books and kids logged 1,012 hours of reading time!

Coming up this August is our final summer reading program, with a “Happy Birthday” theme (Wednesday, August 9 @ 9:30 am) and a Nail Wrap party (Thursday, August 17 @ 4:30 pm). The Book Club will meet on Wednesday, August 30 at 6:00 pm to talk about “Still Me” by Jojo Moyes, the last book in the “Me Before You” trilogy.

Thank you to all the Green Lake County directors for all your advice this summer. I am so grateful to you all for sharing your experience and encouragement during my first summer reading program.

Sincerely,

Vanessa Meyer—Markesan Public Library

## **Mill Pond Public Library**

Are you spending time sitting by the pool, or lazing in the sun at the lake? Don't forget to stop by the library and pick up a book to take along for those lazy, summer afternoons. You can peruse the shelves and find a favorite author. Or if you love the new books...check out the August book display with the theme "A Day Without Reading is Like a Day Without Sunshine." It's conveniently located right as you come in the front door.

It was "Christmas in July" on our Rummage for Reading table this past month. Lots of ornaments sold off the Christmas tree we had on display, but there are still some beautiful ones available. There are also some boxes and bows, angels, candles, decorations, mugs and glasses, tree toppers, and much more! The next two weeks we are having a half-price sale on the items left. Stop by soon, 2 weeks and they will all be gone. Find something new for your holiday decorating.

Our summer reading program was a huge success this year. On July 14th the library celebrated with all the children who had completed their reading for the 4 weeks that the program ran. A pool party was held at Waupun Aquatic Center, 54 people had fun swimming and enjoyed a light lunch during the afternoon. Thanks to the Edna Erma Pugh Trust for helping out with summer reading expenses, giving the library a \$1000.00 donation. Story hour will continue through the month of August at 2pm on Thursdays. Join us for some fun adventures!




**Natasha Paris**  
**Regional Crops Educator**  
 Adams, Green Lake,  
 Marquette, Waushara





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## Report June 24-July 24, 2023

### Outreach/Needs Assessment

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Visited Tri-County Produce Auction</li> <li>▪ Attended producer meeting of the Central Wisconsin Producer Led Watershed Groups</li> <li>▪ Hosted visitors from the statewide Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Advisory Group to two farms in Green Lake County</li> </ul>
<p><b>Other Outreach</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compiled list of several field days around the state</li> </ul>


### Producer Education

<p><b>Field Crops</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Held a field event on managing Phosphorus and Potassium in sandy soils</li> <li>• Coordinated with 3 other educators to put on a special episode of <a href="#">Badger Crop Connect</a> about drought</li> <li>• Revising a publication on herbicide restrictions in crop rotations</li> <li>• Assisted in implementing Nitrogen Optimization Pilot Program projects</li> <li>• Scouting soybean fields for a research study</li> </ul>
<p><b>Forage &amp; Pasture</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning pasture and soil walks for this season</li> <li>• Contributed to an article on <a href="#">armyworms</a></li> <li>• Published weekly <a href="#">report</a> on drought conditions across the state.</li> </ul>


**Natasha Paris**  
**Regional Crops Educator**  
 Adams, Green Lake,  
 Marquette, Waushara



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<p><b>Commercial Vegetable</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updating and editing a book on insect management in organic vegetable production.</li> <li>• Spoke alongside two UW faculty about pest management in produce for the Tri-County Produce Growers</li> <li>• Assisted farmers in diagnosing multiple weed and pest issues, including consulting a state specialist</li> </ul>
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### Professional Development/Activities

<p><b>Professional Development</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crops &amp; Soils/Regional Educator Meetings</li> <li>• Potato Field Day at Hancock</li> <li>• Small Grains Field Day at Arlington</li> </ul>
<p><b>Other Activities</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extension &amp; Agriculture Institute Meetings</li> <li>• Met with senior staff</li> <li>• County Extension Committee Meetings</li> <li>• County Staff Meetings</li> <li>• Planning meetings for upcoming events</li> </ul>

**Adam Hartfiel**  
**Regional Livestock Educator**  
Adams, Green Lake, Waushara Counties



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### **Report June 23<sup>rd</sup> - July 24<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Outreach/Needs Assessment:**

- Getting to know Adams, Green Lake, and Waushara County staff and community members.
- Article for Agriculturalist sent for publication:
  - Article: [Feeding in the Fall](#)
- Article Posted on UW-Extension Topic Hub:
  - Article: [Drought Decisions for Cow/Calf Herds](#)
  - Article: [Drought Resources for Cow/Calf Producers](#)
- Livestock Impact Report Discussion: June 28<sup>th</sup>
  - Report Regional Status
  - Plan for moving forward.

#### **Professional Development/Activities:**

- Meetings with AED and Program Manager
  - 30 Day Conversation/Evaluation
- On-Farm Visits with producers
- Attending local Farm Bureau meetings to meet individuals in the community.
- Attended Civil Rights Training
- Extension & Agriculture Institute Meetings
- County Extension Committee Meetings
- County Staff Meetings

#### **Producer Education:**

- Attended Farm Technology Days in Baraboo, Sauk County (July 18-20th)
  - Stockmanship/Handling Demonstrations
    - Well received.
    - Interactions with County Producers
  - Safe Vaccine-Chute side practices
  - Use of a tub system: Performance Benefits
  - Opportunities to earn BQA continuing education credits.





